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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH EXECUTIVE BOARD: INTRODUCTION
OF RESOLUTION RELATING TO ISRAEL

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1. PERMREP MET WITH AMB. VAN USSEL AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. VAN USSEL, UNFORTUNATELY, RECENTLY SUSTAINED A SERIOUS FALL AND IS IN BED WITH HIS KNEE IN A CAST. HE WILL BE LAID UP UNTIL ABOUT SEPTEMBER 10TH AND THEN WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE ON CRUTCHES. THEREFORE, HE IS NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO DO MUCH BY WAY OF MOVING ABOUT.

2. VAN USSEL, AS EXPECTED, REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BELGIUM PLACING THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND ACTING AS CO-SPONSOR. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL BRUSSELS AND MAKE HIS POSITION KNOWN.

3. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF OTHER CO-SPONSORS AND CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES: FRG, ITALY, URUGUAY, UPPER VOLTA, COLOMBIA, AUSTRALIA, NORWAY AND NEPAL.

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4. VAN USSEL WAS FIRM IN BELIEVING DEMARCHES MUST BE QUICKLY MADE IN CAPITALS TO GATHER SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION. HE IS CONFIDENT THAT A FAVORABLE VOTE CAN BE HAD IF PROPER PREPARATION IS MADE.

5. PERMREP ALSO MET WITH BOSSIER-PALUN, DAHOMEY, AND DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL RESOLUTION WITH HIM. HE REACTED FAVORABLY AND INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE FULLY. HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR CO-SPONSORS AND PREPARATION IN CAPITALS.

6. COMMENT: PERMDEL URGES DEPT. TO GO TO THE CAPITALS OF BOARD MEMBERS TO MARSHALL SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION AND IN SELECTED CASES FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP. THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED IS MILD ENOUGH TO GATHER SUBSTANTIAL BACKING. ALSO, PERMDEL RECOMMENDS A DEMARCHE BE MADE IN MOSCOW AND BELGRADE SEEKING AT LEAST A QUIET ABSTENTION. PERMDEL WOULD THEN REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION WITH OUR SOVIET AND OTHER EE COUNTERPARTS HERE IN PARIS. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND WE SHOULD AVOID PLACING THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA TOO LATE FOR IT TO APPEAR IN THE PRE-PREPARED PROVISIONAL AGENDA. WYNTER HAS AGREED TO PUT THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA IN A FAVORABLE POSITION SO THAT IT WOULD NOT CALL FOR A SEPARATE VOTE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CHALLENGED. IF WE WAIT TO PLACE IT ON THE AGENDA AFTER THE SESSION STARTS OR AFTER THE FINAL VERSION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA HAS GONE TO PRESS WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE PROCEDURAL ISSUE OF ADDING A NEW ITEM TO AN ALREADY CROWDED AGENDA.
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